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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-4, 6-15, 17 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 5, 16 and 19 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 17 October 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some *
 - c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

2. Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 11-15, and 17-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Brooks (US 6,605,931).

Brooks discloses a power supply comprising an output node (112) providing a regulated supply voltage (V-OUT), a main phase drive circuit (208, 1004, and 1018) providing load current to the output node and having ON and OFF times, a main filter inductor (206) coupled between the main phase circuit and the output node, a transient phase drive circuit (1008, 1010, 1012, 1014, and 1016) providing transient load current to the output node and having ON and OFF times respectively less than the ON and OFF times of the main phase drive circuit, a transient filter inductor (1006) having a smaller inductance than the main inductor (see lines 20-23 of column 14) coupled between the transient phase circuit and the output node, a filter capacitor (108) coupled to the output node, and a PWM circuit (102/202/1002) to operate the main and transient phase circuits.

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

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4. Claims 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brooks.

Brooks teaches a power supply as recited by claims 8-10 except for specifying the inductance values of the main and transient inductors. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have modified the power supply of Brooks by utilizing the specified inductance values since it has been held that where the general conditions of a claim are disclosed in the prior art discovering the optimum or workable value of a result effective variable involves only routine skill in the art.

5. Claims 5, 16, and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Liebler et al (US 6,232,754), Tressler et al (US 6,281,666), Yang et al (US 6,462,521), and Chen (US 6,803,752) are cite to show other power supplies similar to the recited power supply old and known in the art at the time of the invention.

Martinez (US 6,023,154), Varga (US 6,150,803), Schultz et al (US 6,198,261), Passoni et al (US 6,346,798), Wickerham et al (US 6,362,607), Ashburn et al (US 6,362,608), Lethelier (US 6,424,129), Ledenev et al (US 6,696,823), and Schrom et al (US 6,801,026) are cite to show power supplies old and known in the art at the time of the invention.

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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey L. Sterrett whose telephone number is (571) 272-2085. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday & 8:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Sherry can be reached on (571) 272-2084. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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